

Ld. Stormont

Nov. 13 1781

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I lose no Time in transmitting to your  
Majesty the enclosed Papers which Mons<sup>r</sup>  
de Belgioso has this Moment deliver'd to me.  
We had orders to accompany this Communicat<sup>n</sup>.  
with verbal assurances of the earnest  
Desire of the two Mediating Courts to  
accomplish the great work of Peace, and  
to press the naming Plenipotentiaries to  
open the Congress without previously  
agreeing upon any Preliminaries or  
conditions whatever, since none could be  
found agreeable to the wishes and  
Intentions of the belligerent Powers.  
With respect to what is said of  
Modifications in the Mediators answer  
I hold

old them that what had been proposed  
by the Mediators respecting an American  
agent ~~was~~ and had been declared by  
Your Majesty as inadmissible was in  
its nature incapable of Modification.  
as to what related to the sending  
Plenipotentiaries to open the Congress  
generally. I took it ad referendum  
as M. Simolin is come to make his  
communication I will detain the  
Messerger to see whether he adds any  
thing new.

M Simolin said the same things in  
substance, but with more clearness and  
precision. To assist this Memory he  
read a Paper which at my desire he  
left that I might lay it before Your

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mayest, but it was agreed between us that  
it was not to be considered as given in any  
shape whatever, as he was expressly ordered  
to give nothing in writing.

St James. Nov. 13. 1781

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*[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper]*

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